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## Bolivia

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to Bolivia due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution in Bolivia due to civil unrest. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

### US Embassy/ Consulate

[591] (2) 216-8000; US Embassy in La Paz, Avenida Arce 2780, Casilla 425, La Paz, Bolivia

### Telephone Code

591

### Local Emergency Phone

911

### Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

Varies with altitude; humid and tropical to cold and semiarid

### Currency (Code)

Bolivianos (BOB)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

Most use 220-230 V / 50 Hz / older buildings use 110 V / plug type(s): A, C



### Major Languages

Spanish 60.7%, Quechua 21.2%, Aymara 14.6%, Guarani 0.6%, other native languages 0.4%, foreign languages 2.4%, none 0.1%

### Religions

Roman Catholic 76.8%, Evangelical and Pentecostal 8.1%, Protestant 7.9%, other 1.7%, none 5.5%

### Time Difference

UTC-4 (1 hour ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

<b>Potable Water</b>	Opt for bottled water.
<b>International Driving Permit</b>	Suggested; additionally, if you plan to drive in Bolivia, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Sajama National Park; Oruro Carnival; Jesuit Missions of the Chiquitos; La Paz (includes the Metropolitan Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace); Torotoro National Park; Tiwanaku; Yungas Road cycle route ("Death Road"); Qhapaq Nan/Andean Road System
<b>Major Sports</b>	Soccer, trompo (top game with attached string)
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Bolivians use both maternal and paternal surnames.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	In restaurants, a tip of 5-10% is in order if you are happy with the service. Taxi drivers do not expect tips unless you hire them for the day, in which case 10% is appropriate.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:  
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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